



METROPOLITAN HOUSING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010, AT 8:00 AM

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
310 N. COMMERCE PARK LOOP, SANTA RITA BUILDING,
TERRACE CONFERENCE ROOM, TUCSON, ARIZONA

LEGAL ACTION REPORT

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM
2. Approval of December 10, 2009, minutes
Jerry Anderson made a MOTION to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Susan Soto. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Report from the Metropolitan Housing Corporation – Voni Romero-Harris
Voni Romero-Harris was not available to report on the Metropolitan Housing Corporation (MHC), but will submit a report to the commission at a later date.
4. Discussion on the General Plan “Housing Element” – Chris Kaselemis
Chris Kaselemis gave a background overview of the *General Plan*. The *General Plan* is a state mandated plan for cities, counties and towns. In the County it is called *Comprehensive Plan* and in the City it is called *General Plan*. The *General Plan* must be submitted for voters’ approval every ten years, which is coming up in November 2011.
5. Report from the Chair
 - a) Joint meeting with CAC
Michael Grassinger met with Corky Poster, who is the current chair of the Tucson Housing Trust Fund Citizens Advisory Committee about the possibility of combining a meeting with the regular MHC meeting (possibly March 2010)— he will keep everyone posted.
 - b) Meeting with Arizona Housing Alliance
Michael Grassinger said AZ Housing Alliance is going to try and setup a luncheon late in March 2010.
 - c) Other Business
Andrea Ibanez reported on the Federal Legislative and State Legislative Newsletters and the closings on the MLK and Coronado Hotel. Albert Elias announced some good news: the new buyers of the Coronado Hotel are interested in keeping the mod-rehab contract intact.

City of Tucson and Pima County Consortium Consolidated Plan is being presented to Mayor and Council February 17, 2010 and the Housing Production Report on February 23, 2010.

On the State Legislative Newsletter, Andrea Ibanez brought up the SB1166: Property Tax Classification Historic Residences bill, which will do away with AZ State Property Tax Reduction Program.

Other Business:

Evelia Martinez announced that there will be a Home Owners Fair March 9, 2010. Susan Soto asked that a Predatory Lending item be added to MHC agenda. Michael McDonald mentioned that since each department is going through a collaborative auditing process that will measure success or effectiveness, it would make sense for HCD to ask for input from different stakeholder groups including the MHC.

6. Updates from Staff
Staff made their report earlier under item # 3.
7. Discussion on the Commission Subcommittees – Mike Grassinger
Michael Grassinger encouraged all MHC members to join one of the subcommittees.
8. Subcommittee Updates/Reports/Potential Action
 - Governmental Affairs – Jerry Anderson, Chair
Jerry Anderson invited all the MHC members to attend the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee February 24, 2010 meeting with Council Members Richard Fimbres (Ward 5) and Steve Kozachik (Ward 6).
 - Marketing & Public Relations – Evelia Martinez, Chair
Evelia Martinez talked about the Metropolitan Housing Brochure and the fact that it is focused around the Housing Trust Fund.
 - Membership Recruitment – Susan Soto, Chair
Susan Soto announced that Maryann Beerling was interviewed February 2, 2010 for one of the Neighborhood/Consumer Advocate position. Susan Soto made a MOTION to approve and recommend Maryann Beerling to Mayor and Council and was second by Michael McDonald. Motion passed unanimously.
 - MHC/Pima County Housing Commission Joint Subcommittee – Michael McDonald, Chair
Michael McDonald announced that that MHC/Pima County Joint meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2010.
 - RFP “Stone Soup” Task Force – Michael McDonald, Chair
Michael McDonald announced that the name of the project has been changed to “Barn Raising.” He asked for a motion to move the RFP from a draft to a final stage. Steve Tofel made a MOTION to proceed with RFP and was second by Jerry Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Future Agenda Items
 - **What is the Metropolitan Housing Commission's role in regards to the Metropolitan Housing Corporation?**
 - **Bringing back a draft of the Consolidated Plan for March 2010 meeting.**
 - **Metropolitan Housing Brochure cost.**
 - **Predatory Lending.**
 - **HCD to ask for input from different stakeholder groups including the MHC.**
10. Call to the Audience
No requests received.
11. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM